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For: Panel and Panel Fastening  
System

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Attached is PTO Form SB/08A form citing two references  
which are known.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the cited International  
Application, PCT/SE99/01701, which has an International  
filing date before the International filing date and U.S.  
filing date of this case. The '701 International Application

was published in English and is currently pending in the U.S. as Application No. 09/806,941 filed May 21, 2001.

Also, the cited U.S. Patents, U.S. 6,763,643, corresponds to an International Application, PCT/SE99/01699, filed before the International Application upon which this Application was based. The '699 International Application was also published in English.

The claim in this Application are deemed to define over both the '701 International Application and the '643 U.S. Patent because, inter alia, neither employ the first and second hook arrangement with the inclined retaining surfaces.

Since this is being filed after an Office Action but before the mail date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, the fee set forth in 1.17(p) (\$180.00) is submitted herewith.

#### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and/or to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,  
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